

THE BICYCLE TRAIL NEAR OLD SACRAMENTO WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY JULY 18 AND MONDAY JULY 21, 2003

The Department of Toxic Substances Control has arranged for the bicycle trail to be closed from the start of the Jibboom Street incline to the south side of the I Street Rail Road Bridge on July 18 and July 21 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Under the Department of Toxic Substances Control oversight, Union Pacific Railroad will dig up contaminated soil next to the bicycle trail. This area is on the western side of the former Southern Pacific Sacramento Rail Yard (Rail Yard), 401 I Street, Sacramento, California. This closure will prevent potential public exposure to contaminants along the southwest boundary of the Rail Yard.

One area near the bicycle trail (see map on the opposite side) contains hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds. These include gasoline, diesel oil, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes. The digging will occur on Friday, July 18 and Monday, July 21, 2003. As a precaution, the Department of Toxic Substances Control has arranged for the bicycle trail to be closed on July 18 and 21, 2003. On the weekend, July 19 and 20, 2003, the bicycle trail will be open as usual and Union Pacific will stop the digging and secure the excavation area. Signs announcing this temporary two-day closure have been posted at the start of the Jibboom Street incline and at the south side of the I Street Railroad Bridge.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Union Pacific Railroad have established conservative air monitoring action levels to protect workers and the public. Workers will continuously monitor the air to make sure that the air is safe to breathe during the work. Also, workers will immediately transport contaminated soil away to a controlled area of the Rail Yard to lessen exposure. Watering the work area will control dust.

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